



CITY OF POCATELLO

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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FENCE GUIDELINES

**Pocatello Municipal Code
Chapter 15.28**

In order to better serve the citizens of Pocatello, the Building Department has put together the following information required to obtain a permit. We would like to stress the importance of bringing in all of the applicable information when applying for a permit. This will greatly help to expedite the approval process.

FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

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PROPERTY OWNER: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____

FENCE CONTRACTOR: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____ EST MATERIAL VALUE: \$ _____

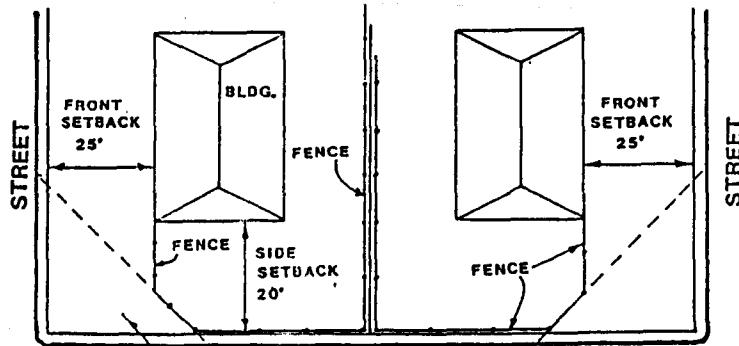
The following information should be provided on this application: 1. Property lines and dimensions; 2. Location of fencing; 3. length of fence lines; 4. Height of fence sections; 5. Statement of materials to be used; 6. Location of existing structures on property

G. No fence, hedge or walled enclosure greater than three feet (3') in height above the existing center line street elevation shall be constructed within the sight triangle formed from the point of intersection of the edges of two (2) intersecting streets in each direction for a distance of forty feet (40'). Provided, however, the Traffic Engineer or Building Official may approve chainlink or similar "open" fences no greater than four feet (4') in height if they determine that the sight obstruction from such a fence will not constitute a traffic hazard.

H. To fence, hedge or walled enclosure greater than three feet (3') in height shall be constructed within the sight triangle formed from the corner of the intersection with an alley a distance of ten feet (10') in each direction.

I. The following diagrams depict additional regulations which specifically apply to corner lots and lots bordering alleys:

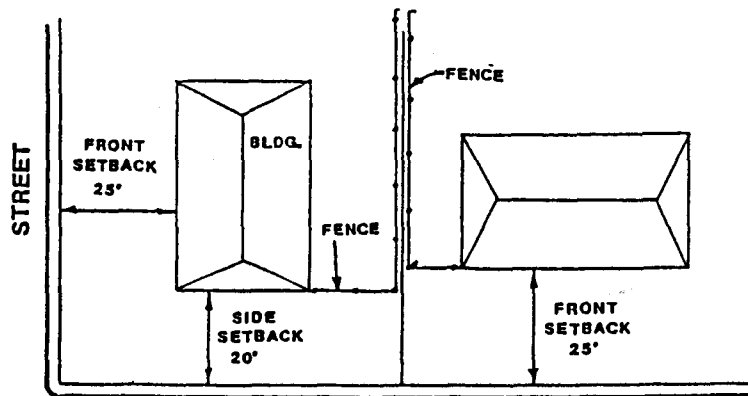
1. The following depicts permitted fence locations (for fences greater than four feet (4') but not exceeding seven feet (7') in height) on residential corner lots which are back to back with neither building fronting on the side street:



SIGHT TRIANGLE AS DEFINED BY CITY CODE

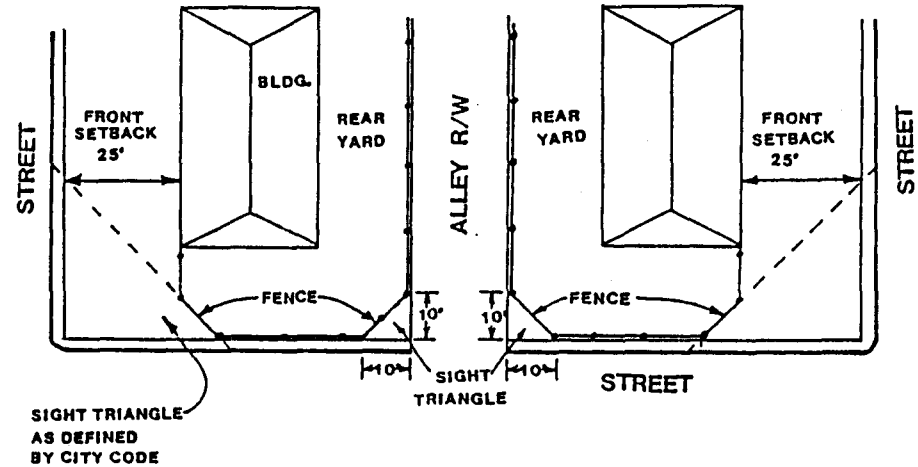
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2. The following depicts permitted fence locations (for fences greater than four feet (4') but not exceeding seven feet (7') in height) on corner lots where the rear lot line of the corner lot borders a lot on which a building faces the side street:



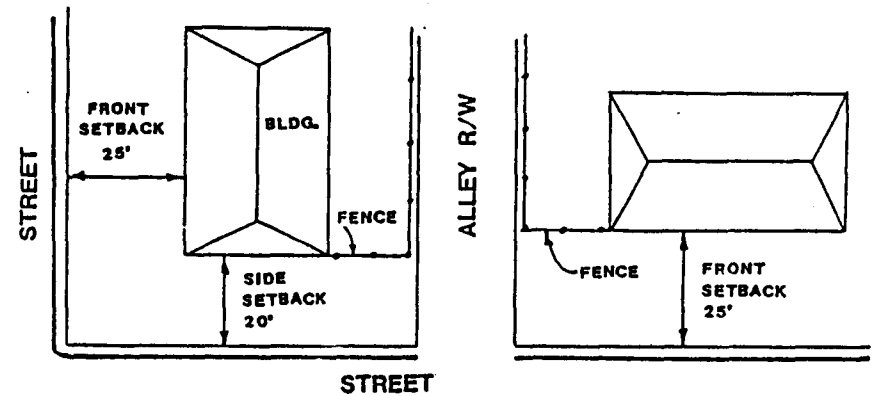
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3. The following depicts permitted fence locations (for fences greater than four feet (4') but not exceeding seven feet (7') in height) on a corner lot where the rear lot line borders an alley right-of-way and neither building faces the side street:



SIGHT TRIANGLE AS DEFINED BY CITY CODE

4. The following depicts permitted fence locations (for fences greater than four feet (4') but not exceeding seven feet (7') in height) on a corner lot where the rear lot line borders an alley right-of-way and a building faces the side street:



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Chapter 15.28

FENCE CONSTRUCTION

- J. The following additional requirements shall specifically apply to fences located within Residential, Neighborhood Commercial and Professional, and Commercial General Zones within the City.
1. All fencing material shall be architecturally compatible with the neighborhood in which they are erected. The following materials are generally acceptable:
 - a. Chainlink;
 - b. Split rail;
 - c. Wood (fabricated primarily as fencing material);
 - d. Vegetation/hedges;
 - e. Masonry, brick or cinderblock;
 - f. Ornamental iron.
 2. Materials not primarily designed for fencing or materials not listed in subsection J1 of this Section shall not be permitted in Residential, Neighborhood commercial and Professional, or commercial General Zones unless approved through the minor exception procedure set forth in Section 15.28.040 of this Chapter. (Ord. 2635 § 2, 1999: Ord. 2406 § 1, 1992: Ord. 2269 § 3, 1988)

15.28.040 Exceptions:

- A. Minor exceptions to these requirements may be approved by the Building Official if the applicant submits written consent from all adjacent property owners. The following are defined as minor exceptions:
 1. The use of other fencing materials not listed as permitted in Residential, Neighborhood commercial and Professional or Commercial General Zones.
 2. The construction of fences which exceed the height limitations in Commercial General, Warehouse and Wholesale and Industrial Zones if the proposed fence is to be used for screening or security purposes.
- B. Requests for other exceptions to these regulations shall be submitted to the Construction Board of Appeals and Review in writing, and any adverse decision may be appealed by written notice within ten (10) days of the Board's decision to the City Council. Approval may be obtained upon a showing that the proposed fence will not create traffic problems for the general public or any neighborhood property owner and will not be architecturally incompatible with the neighborhood where erected. (Ord. 2332 § 2, 1990: Ord. 2269 § 4, 1998)

Contact the Building Department at 234-6158 with any questions.

15.28.010 Permit Required—Fee:

No person shall erect or construct, or cause to be erected or constructed, any fence within the City without having been issued a permit by the Building Department prior to such erection or construction. If the fence is constructed by a contractor, the permit may be issued in his name; however, nothing in this Chapter shall relieve the person hiring the contractor of the obligation to ascertain that a permit has been issued prior to construction. The fee for construction of a fence shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00). (Ord. 2269 § 1, 1988)

15.28.020 Application And Issuance of Permit:

Application for a fence permit, accompanied by the permit fee set forth in Section 15.28.010 of this Chapter, shall be made to the Building Department. If the application is approved, the Building Department shall issue a permit. The application shall consist of a site plan containing the following information:

- A. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of the property owner and fence contractor;
- B. Address of the project site;
- C. Statement of materials to be used;
- D. Diagram showing:
 1. Property lines and dimensions of the project site;
 2. Proposed location of fencing, length of fence lines, height of each section of the fencing, and location of materials used if materials differ from section to section.

15.28.030 Regulations:

The following regulations shall apply to fences constructed within the City:

- A. No fence shall exceed seven feet (7') in height.
- B. No fence shall be electrified.
- C. All fencing shall be maintained in good condition.
- D. The use of barbed wire is prohibited except along the top and bottom of approved security fences in Warehouse and Wholesale, Commercial General, and Industrial Zones. To receive approval, persons desiring to use barbed wire must demonstrate good cause for the use and show that the use requested will not constitute a hazard to public safety. Should a request be denied, the Building Official shall inform the applicant in writing, giving reasons for denial.
- E. No fence greater than four feet (4') in height may be constructed within the area designated for a front setback by the Zoning Ordinance adopted by the City.
- F. If the rear lot line of a corner lot abuts a side property line of a lot facing the side street, no fence, hedge, or walled enclosure greater than four feet (4') in height may be constructed within the area designated for a side setback. See diagram in subsection I of this Section.